

I, Colleen Mertes, Risk Management Assistant, Avon, MN respectfully urge Congress to extend the wind energy production tax credit (PTC) as quickly as possible.

My family and I would be adversely affected if it is not extended. The delay in not extending the PTC makes no sense in the current economy we have. Why wouldn't Congress want to do all that is within its power to encourage the continuing of jobs and new construction/wind projects throughout the country? The PTC helps put billions of dollars from private companies into the hands of small businesses and communities all over America. All of this while creating clean, homegrown energy for us to use. This tax credit provides an incentive for the wind industry to continue to do all of these things.

I urge the committee to take up and extension of the wind energy production tax credit right away.

Thank you,

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